

## A MINE DISASTER.

Explosion of Gas in a Wilkesbarre, Pa., Mine Causes Great Loss of Life and Property.

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WILKESBARRE, PA., Nov. 26.—Shortly after midnight miners entered the Wilkesbarre shaft this morning, an explosion of gas took place. Between thirty and thirty miners are said to be buried. Others are seriously injured, but none are reported dead. Very little information is in regard to the accident, but it is believed that the explosion was caused by a gas leak. The shaft was known to be full of gas, but it was not removed as it was considered too dangerous. The explosion occurred at ten o'clock, and the miners were not getting ready to go to work. The explosion was caused by a gas leak, and the miners were not getting ready to go to work. The explosion was caused by a gas leak, and the miners were not getting ready to go to work.

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The Scandinavian district, made his report which was voluminous and full of encouragement in that the church is rapidly spreading among the Scandinavians of the state. Six years ago there was only one preacher in the state, to-day there are ten with increasing congregations. The conference adjourned to meet with closed doors this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The conference will convene to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. The following named ministers are in attendance: Bishop J. L. Hurst, Reverends William Basset, Thos. Broad, Thos. Corke, Chas. Campbell, W. Cooper, H. J. Christ, M. A. Dougherty, W. T. Falkenberg, Charles Giddings, J. B. Holloway, A. A. Johnson, E. O. McIntyre, J. Kerns, T. S. Millhouse, B. T. Hollins, J. M. Wilder, C. Carl Peterson, P. A. Juhlin, A. J. Gustafson, A. Wahlberg, T. A. Lindberg, O. Halberson, John Nelson, S. L. Carlsson, J. R. Wolf, J. W. C. Cox.

## CLEBURNE.

Charged With Having Five Wives—An Important Suit.

CLEBURNE, TEX., Nov. 26.—J. M. Meredith, who has been running a barber shop here for some time, was arrested last night, charged with bigamy. Jim Brown, sheriff of Lee county, carried him to Gideon this morning to answer the charge. Mr. Brown is reported to have said that Meredith has four wives besides the one here.

District court has been occupied to-day in the trial of the case of S. J. Robinson et al. vs. L. B. Davis et al. This case involves the title to about ninety acres of land in the suburbs of the city. No decision yet.

Champion orsman of America, John Teemer, indorses St. Jacobs Oil for muscular pains.

## GREENVILLE.

Two Trains Collide in the Yards and Several Cars and Tender Are Demolished.

Killed While Blocking a Flying Switch—A Pack of Bloodhounds—Western Union Wires.

Special to the Gazette.

GREENVILLE, TEX., Nov. 26.—Mr. W. M. Andrews sold a pair of his fine bloodhounds to-day to the sheriff at Lake Charles, La., for \$100. Mr. Andrews is to receive a pair of fine English bloodhounds in a few days from Ontario, Canada, when he will have the finest "pack" of "man-eaters" in America. He has already won every contest in which he has been engaged.

Yesterday a freight engine 125 of the Missouri Pacific, that runs to Rockwall, was coming in from daylight off of an extra trip to McKinney with a full train of cotton, it collided in the yards here with a train of about sixty cars, which were left on the main line. The engine could not see the cars until close to them, when it was too late, as he was running at good speed down the grade near the yard. When he saw the near danger he and the fireman leaped for their lives. No one was hurt. The engine and tender, with several cars, were badly demolished.

The Western Union Telegraph company has reached this place with its wires. An extra wire is being put up from Denison to Mineola. Probably telegraphic reports will be transferable hereafter.

Tom Simons was killed this morning standing on the main line while the switch-engine was making a flying switch. The engine had just passed him on the main line and the car came down the main line, knocked him down and severed both legs. The accident occurred at daylight, and only last a short while longer. Simons was an old railroader, and has for some time been in the employ of the company as coal shoveler at Wright.

The Biggest Head in Town

Is that mammoth cabbage head at the Fort Worth Grocer Co's. Be sure to see it.

## NAMES AND YAMS.

The famous sweet potato of all this country are on sale at Turner & McClellan's, the Houston street grocers.

## ON WALL STREET.

Stocks Were Active with Almost Everything on the List Higher.

COMMERCIAL RESUME.

Special to the Gazette.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Railway bonds to-day sold as follows: Fort Worth & Denver City at 104; Texas & Pacific at 104; Houston & Texas at 104; Texas Central at 104; Kansas & Texas at 104; Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio at 104; Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe at 104.

Money 6 1/2 per cent. Sterling 4 1/2. Governments strong. Wheat heavy. Oil closed at 7 1/2. Cotton advanced 3 points. Coffee was unchanged.

GOVERNMENTS, STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Government bonds dull but strong.

The stock market was more active and was attended with considerably more excitement than on Wednesday, although the interest in speculation was almost monopolized by some half a dozen stocks, the remainder being quiet and in many cases dull, while the fluctuations, though somewhat feverish, were unusually narrow. The opening was firm to strong, the first prices showing advances of 1 to 2 1/2. Trading was active but prices inclined to weakness in the early dealings, though they generally recovered before noon, the market beginning to show spots of dullness. The afternoon continued until about 2 p. m., when there was some yielding but the heaviness disappeared before the close, which was firm to strong at about the best figures reached. Almost everything on the active list is higher this evening.

Railroad Harvest

In all styles, from \$18 to \$25 a set, at R. F. Tackaberry's.

Morris' Ointment is a boon to the afflicted. It is a never-failing remedy for dyspepsia, irregularity of the bowels, constipation and liver diseases.

Dilworth's Coffee.

Java flavored, fresh and crisp, for sale at Fort Worth Grocer Co's.

## WACO.

A Warrant Issued for the Arrest of Henry J. Bennett for Victimizing a Young Girl.

A List of Attachments—Burglars on Deck Again—A Big Wool Sale—Senator Cokes going to Washington.

Special to the Gazette.

WACO, TEX., Nov. 26.—Upon information filed with County Attorney Taylor a warrant was issued to-day for the arrest of Henry J. Bennett upon a charge of rape. It is stated that Bennett has left the city, and it is supposed he is in Falls county, where his people reside. The charge against him is rape, and his alleged victim is Miss Mary Gribble. She resides with her parents near the St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas Railway company's depot in this city. The crime is alleged to have been committed last Friday, in the rooms above the White Elephant. The Examiner, in its account of the matter, says: It will appear in the testimony that a drug was administered to the girl by her alleged violator. The victim says that Bennett owned the shooting gallery which her father owns and which she was temporarily managing. She had a barrel of cider on sale and Bennett invited her to drink with him. She went to procure a second glass, there being but one at the barrel, and when she returned Bennett handed to her the first glass filled with cider, which he had drawn. She handed him the empty glass, which, in turn, he filled, and while Miss Mary Gribble drank the first glass, he drank the second, the two tipping glasses first. After drinking the cider, Miss Mary says she lost her reckoning, and when she realized what she was about, she found herself in the room as described, and in the company dedicated, under the conditions stated. She says she commenced crying and demanded to be taken home, and upon her persistent entreaty he left the building with her and started off, escorting her somewhat in the direction of her home. Meanwhile the agonized parents had given information of the girl's absence, and their fears on her account, to Officer Moore, and he was hunting her. He met the pair walking together and conducted them into the presence of the officer, Bennett got down upon his knees and beseeched that no harm befall him on account of the crime, which he freely confessed there and then. He went on to say that if Mr. Gribble would lend him the amount of cash necessary he would procure a license and marry Miss Gribble without delay. He was ordered away from the house, and, as the offense appeared to be guilty of did not come within the purview of the policeman, no arrest was made.

The next day he was hanging about Mr. Gribble's place, and during the day Officer Moore intercepted a note in Bennett's hand writing, borne by a little negro girl, addressed to Miss Mary Gribble, and couched in terms of loathsome entreaty, begging her to steal \$1 or \$2 and escape to fly with him, where he did not state. The father's entreaty that the girl's name be withheld from print probably weighed too much with the reporters, and prevented earlier publication of the above facts. Bennett is the young man who is said to have employed a lawyer to sue the Examiner for \$25,000 damages, libelling his character. He has a case of his own now to attend to first.

In the United States district court the case of Orr & Lindsey vs. A. J. Hunter was called this morning. Defendants were closed by an attachment sued out by plaintiffs in the district court of Coryell county. Defendants entered a plea in replevin, and the case was transferred to the United States court at Waco. Defendants seek to recover damages of \$5000 from plaintiffs for the alleged wrongful suing out of the attachment. The case is now being argued before the jury, and a verdict will perhaps be reached to-night or to-morrow.

In the district court (state) the case of J. A. Graham, charged with the murder of Will Lamb, was not reached to-day as expected, but will come up to-morrow, and occupy several days.

Frank Edwards, a young man who is charged with stealing laundry watches and other articles of value, is now on trial. His plan was to get watches on trial and sell them. He was captured in Denison.

The governor having granted a stay of proceedings for three months in the case of Dr. R. W. Leach, under sentence of fourteen years in the penitentiary for killing Constable Joe Martin of Comanche, proceedings are to be instituted to inquire into Dr. Leach's sanity. The case is set for hearing on next Wednesday. Dr. R. W. Leach, superintendent of the insane asylum at Terrell, has been summoned as a witness. Mrs. Leach went to Austin herself and induced the governor to intervene.

Dun's Commercial agency has advised of attachments having been run against the following parties: Bishop & Gillette, Alexander, for \$2,000; J. McNeil & Son of Denton, for \$2,500; attached by Feltzheim Bros. & Co. of Cincinnati; G. W. Conway of Comanche, for \$1,500, attached by August, Bernheim & Bauer of New York. Waco merchants are caught to some extent by the firm at Alexander.

Burglars worked the town for a second time last night, going for residences again. At one residence a lady was awakened and saw the burglar, whom she described as a tall white man in a gray overcoat and light colored derby hat. This corresponds to the description of a certain traveling book agent who is under suspicion. The lady gave the alarm but the burglar escaped.

Lessing, Solomon & Rosenthal of this city made a lumping sale of 1000 bales of cotton this morning to McKinnis, Jordan & Co., terms private. They are also negotiating a sale of 2000 bales in one lot to another party.

A convention of Christiana church congregations in the counties of Central Texas is called to meet in this city next week.

Senator Coke leaves for Washington to-morrow. He will be accompanied by his family.

## GAINESVILLE.

Shot at a Man Who Struck Him in the Face—A Heavy Cattle Case on Trial.

Special to the Gazette.

GAINESVILLE, TEX., Nov. 26.—Last night a pistol shot at the northwest corner of the public square attracted the attention of the officers, and hurrying to the scene it was learned that S. S. Evans had shot at A. M. Thompson, an attorney of this city. It seems that some time ago there was a lawsuit between these parties in which Thompson was victorious, and last night feeling was engendered, and last night they met at the place above stated.

After some words Thompson slapped Evans' face, when the latter ran back, and pulling his pistol fired. Evans then ran in Schief, Sommer & Co's store where he was arrested. Mr. Thompson was unhurt. Evans furnished bond, and his preliminary trial was set for to-day.

S. H. Wort, J. C. Cook and Chuck Coss who were arrested on the charge of being implicated in the negro hanging here last summer, have been released on a \$2000 bond each. Their trial is set for next week. Public sentiment is with these men and their acquittal is more than probable.

District court is still engaged in the civil suit of Cobb & Co. of Decatur vs. J. W. Wilson and others. This is the fourth day of the trial and the case will probably conclude to-night or to-morrow.

## INSIDE HISTORY.

How Master Workman Butler of Chicago Sacrificed 15,000 Men for His Political Purpose.

CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 26.—The inside history of the recent strike at the packing houses at the stock yards, when 20,000 men were thrown out of employment, was printed here this morning. When the packers decided to return to a ten-hour working day on October 14, the workmen supposing that they would be backed by the Knights of Labor rebelled, and all went out except the beef butchers, who had a contract with the firms of Armour, Swift and Morris, requiring four days' notice before opening hostilities. Despite this agreement the beef butchers of Armour & Co. were ordered out on the following Thursday by District Master Workman Butler, who deliberately broke the existing contract. Mr. Barry also arrived upon the scene and stated to a newspaper reporter that he had been instructed by Powderly to settle the difficulty, and to members of the Knights of Labor he said he had simply been sent to investigate. At the same time Butler had made his debut in Town of Lake politics as a labor candidate for sheriff of Cook county. Butler had been notified by Master Workman Gaunt of the butchers' assembly of the existing agreement, but as he has been said he ignored it. The butchers at Armour & Co. were loath to obey the order, but the presence of Barry, who was a member of the general executive committee of the order, reassured them to a certain degree. The executive board of the local assembly, however, concluded to get Powderly's views and sent the following telegram to him: "Has the executive board of district No. 57 the power to repudiate an agreement made by the executive board of local assembly No. 7502, one clause of which reads: 'One day shall be considered sufficient time for calling and meeting of both parties of the first and second order, and no definite action shall be taken inside of three days after such meeting.' Have they power to call out men governed by this schedule without complying with this clause that are working eight hours a day?" To this question Powderly vouchsafed no direct reply, but did send an answer to Mr. Barry, who asked the executive board of the local assembly the following day regarding the existence of an agreement with the packers. Barry investigated the matter, and found that Master Workman Butler had made a mistake. Barry was loath to return to work, but the damage had been done. Butler made evasive replies, and nobody in reality was looking after the interests of the 15,000 men who had been allured into the strike. In the meantime the packers were making extensive preparations for a long fight. Rev. P. M. Fausgan, pastor of St. Ann's church, telegraphed a long statement of facts to Powderly, declaring that unless the men were ordered to return to work calculable injury and misery would result. Barry was induced to return to work, but the men to return to work but did not do so until the following Sunday. Among the violent opponents to this order was Butler, who told Barry that the order would cause him (Butler) to lose 2000 votes at the approaching election. Before leaving Barry directed Butler and the executive board of the district of all power to create another strike, instituting a committee to have charge of all matters affecting these workmen. Butler, who it is claimed, saw he was making a losing political fight, succeeded in having the committee of five overthrown and a committee of twenty-five, with himself as chairman appointed, contrary to the constitution of the Knights of Labor. The cattle butchers on returning to work had succeeded in having their wages increased from \$24 to \$27 per week, agreeing to work ten hours. On the day before the election a verbal drunken men rushed among the workmen at Swift's house ordering them to quit work. They did so. This panic had the following result: On the day following Butler, the latter called out Armour's men on Thursday succeeding the election. Master Workman Gaunt protested, and he and two followers were expelled from the order. Barry reappeared on the scene, and the order from Powderly which was suppressed for four days, caused the ending of the strike.

## SHERMAN.

A New Dirt Road to Denison—A Murder Trial—A Distinguished Visitor.

Special to the Gazette.

SHERMAN, TEX., Nov. 26.—The county commissioners held an important session to-day, having in consideration the opening of a public road between this city and Denison, which was agreed upon and ordered opened by the court, the right of way having already been purchased by the county. The road will be eighty feet wide, through a good practical route, and is three miles shorter than the present route, reducing the distance to a fraction over eight miles.

The case of Wash Humes, charged with murder, has been on trial since yesterday in the district court, and had not been given to the jury at a late hour.

Col. Robert Newell, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the state of Arkansas, is in the city.

## ATTACHED AND RELEASED.

DENTON, TEX., Nov. 26.—The stock of goods recently sold by W. J. McNeil & Son to Stout & Head was attached here to-day by Feltzheim Bros. & Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, for \$2,500 by Deputy United States Marshal T. E. Gerten. The present owners, Messrs. Stout & Head, filed a claimant's bill and bond and the marshal released the goods. W. J. McNeil & Son sold the stock to Messrs. Stout & Head a short time ago, and have been settling with their creditors as fast as possible. This seems to be the only dissatisfied firm, and it is thought they will be satisfied soon.

## OVERCOATS FOR LEAN MEN.

In addition to Overcoats our stock of  
**Clothing**  
—AND—  
**GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS**

Is full and complete, and we are selling them paralyzingly low.

**Dahlman Bros.,**  
FORT WORTH, TEX.

NEW JAV FOR SLOVCHERO

EARLY BLAZES.

Several Business Houses Destroyed at Itasca this Morning—The People Out En Masse.

Flames in the Pastry Room Occasion a Panic Among the Guests of the Mc-Clelland Hotel at Waco.

Midnight Flames.

Special to the Gazette.

ITASCA, TEX., Nov. 27, 1:20 A. M.—Fire broke out in the large hotel just opposite the depot, burning it and Roper Bros. large grocery and hardware store, and Webb Messimer's large grocery and supply store, and is yet in full blast. The first notice of the fire was about 12:50. Nearly all of Messimer's stock was saved, and part of Roper Bros. Hundreds of people are trying to save other buildings by throwing on water. There is little danger of more houses burning, as the ones next to the fire are brick.

Flames at Waco.

Special to the Gazette.

WACO, TEX., Nov. 26.—The McClelland hotel is the largest structure in the city, being four stories high and occupying nearly a half block. Last night over three hundred persons were sleeping under its roof. At 4 o'clock a fire broke out in the pastry room, on the third floor. No one can account for its origin. The fireman, Mr. Nelson, a Dane, was in the kitchen at the time, and the first he knew of the fire was that a bright flame was seen in the pastry room, and he at once gave the alarm. The firemen responded as promptly, and when they arrived at the scene the kitchen was in flames, and the roof ready to fall in. The first stream of water was thrown through the engine, but in a few minutes' time the suction-pipe burst. The hose was then attached to the fire-plugs, and water was thrown direct from the fire-plugs and the fire soon extinguished. The flames were checked none to soon, as the roof of the room was just ready to fall in. Everyone in the house was awakened and left the house as rapidly as possible, there being no panic. Had the wind been blowing from the north no amount of exertion could have prevented the most disastrous fire Waco has ever known. The losses are light and fully covered by insurance. The guests got their meals elsewhere to-day, but the manager of the hotel announces that it will be open as usual to-morrow, all the damage being repaired.

Vessel and Cargo Burned.

Special to the Gazette.

GALVESTON, TEX., Nov. 26.—The British bark Drumadon, Capt. Thompson, while lying in the outer roads awaiting the balance of her cargo, was discovered to be on fire at an early hour this morning. The flames soon gained entrance to the hold through the open hatchway, and the cargo of 1700 bales of cotton becoming ignited, in a few minutes the vessel was wrapped in a sheet of flames. The crew narrowly escaped but lost clothing and baggage. Tugs from the city went out to grapple the burning ship and towed her to Bolivar beach, where she now lies in fifteen feet of water. The vessel will prove a total loss. The cargo was owned by Loessing, Solomon & Rosenthal of Waco, fully insured in British and foreign companies. The cargo was destined for Liverpool. Much of it can be saved in a damaged condition.

Dallas Notes.

Special to the Gazette.

DALLAS, TEX., Nov. 26.—The police to-day arrested a strange negro, who came here about October 1, on suspicion of being Ed Johnson, a noted horse-thief of Kentucky, on descriptions furnished from Lexington, in that state. To-night Chief of Police Arnold received the following telegram from Lexington: "Hold Johnson. Will start to-morrow. J. P. Frazier, Chief of Police."

United States Marshal Cabell returned to-day from Abilene, where he sold ninety-seven out of 135 head of horses smuggled into Texas from Mexico. The other thirty-eight animals perished during the recent drought. These sold brought at auction \$2 per head.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Proceedings of the Third Day Held at Lampasas.

Special to the Gazette.

LAMPASAS, TEX., Nov. 26.—The third day of the Northwest Texas conference dawned bright and clear, and each member of the visitors and citizens all have a look of supreme brightness in the thought of the prayers offered yesterday to him on high being heard and answered. Thanksgiving dinners were the order of yesterday, the one of note being the invitation of Prof. McIlhenny of Centenary college to Bishop Keener and others to assist the pupils in the annihilation of fatten turkeys and the usual accompaniments. Many of the members are accompanied by their wives and daughters, and are much pleased with the comfort and pleasure afforded them by our citizens.

## KIDNEY PAINS weary, dull, aching, itching, all kinds of kidney troubles relieved in one minute by the Colicure Anti-Pain Plaster Warranted At Drugists. 25 cents. Foster Drug Co., Boston.

## JOHN McCAHON,

## Merchant Tailor

—CORNER OF—  
**Fifth & Houston Sts.,**  
Is prepared to do all kinds of work connected with  
**TAILORING.**

Greenwood, who sent forward train No. 3 instead of No. 129.

and who had come in from different doors, but now found themselves side by side this morning and \$500 known to have been on Capt. Smith was gone.

He says the Democratic party is by no means prepared, Tex.